

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSIONERS (IRELAND).

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 23 July 1879 :—for,

COPY "of any CORRESPONDENCE that took place lately between the PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSIONERS in IRELAND and certain Persons in CLARE COUNTY on the subject of Legal Proceedings instituted against Individuals in that County, and DECREES alleged to be obtained against them for larger Sums than were due by them at Foot of Loans under the IRISH REPRODUCTIVE LOAN FUND."

IRISH REPRODUCTIVE LOAN FUND.

THE correspondence with the borrowers consists of the following letters from the office of Public Works, Dublin.

"THE IRISH REPRODUCTIVE LOAN FUND ACT, 1874."

SOLICITOR'S DEPARTMENT.

Office of Public Works, Custom House, Dublin,
30 November 1877.

Sir,

THE undermentioned loan not having been applied to the purpose for which it was made, as reported by the Inspectors of Irish Fisheries, I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works to inform you that your bond in the sum of 12 L. will be placed in the hands of the Sessional Crown Solicitor for immediate proceedings against you and the other parties concerned, *without further notice*, unless the amount advanced, with interest, as stated below, be paid within six days from this date.

The payment may be made by banker's draft or post-office order in favour of the Commissioners of Public Works.

I am, &c,
(signed) *Alex. E. M'Clintock*,
Solicitor of Public Works.

Mr. Thomas Enright.

Similar letter to each of the obligors.

COUNTY OF CLARE.

		£.	s.	d.
No. 92. Loan to Thomas Enright and others	Amount	-	12	-
Interest from 10th March 1877, at 2½ per cent.	-	-	-	3 10
		£.	12	3 10
Repaid - - - - -	-	-	1	11 11
			10	11 11
Interest from 29th October to 31st December 1877	-	-	-	- 11
Amount to be now refunded	-	-	10	12 10

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Office of Public Works, Custom House, Dublin,
30 November 1877.

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I am, &c.

(signed) *Alex. E. McClintock*,
Solicitor of Public Works.

Mr. Thomas Bonfill.

Similar letter to each of the obligors.

COUNTY OF CLARE.

No. 108. Loan to Thomas Bonfill and others	Amount	£ s. d.		
		12	-	-
Interest from 18th June 1877, at 2½ per cent.	- - -	-	3	3
	£.	12	3	3

"THE IRISH REPRODUCTIVE LOAN FUND ACT, 1874."

SOLICITORS' DEPARTMENT.

Office of Public Works, Custom House, Dublin,
30 November 1877.

Sir,

THE undermentioned loan not having been applied to the purpose for which it was made, as reported by the Inspectors of Irish Fisheries, I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works to inform you that your bond in the sum of 10*l.* will be placed in the hands of the Sessional Crown Solicitor for immediate proceedings against you and the other parties concerned, *without further notice*, unless the amount advanced, with interest, as stated below, be paid within six days from this date.

The payment may be made by banker's draft or post-office order in favour of the Commissioners of Public Works.

I am, &c.

(signed) *Alex. E. McClintock*,
Solicitor of Public Works.

To Michael Scanlan.

Similar letter to each of the obligors.

COUNTY OF CLARE.

No. 111. Loan to Michael Scanlan and others	Amount	£ s. d.		
		10	-	-
Interest from 15th June 1877, at 2½ per cent.	- - -	-	2	9
	£.	10	2	9

"THE IRISH REPRODUCTIVE LOAN FUND ACT, 1874."

SOLICITOR'S DEPARTMENT.

Office of Public Works, Custom House, Dublin,

14 June 1878.

Sir,

THE undermentioned loan not having been applied to the purpose for which it was made, as reported by the Inspectors of Irish Fisheries, I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works to inform you that your bond in the sum of 12*l.* will be placed in the hands of the Sessional Crown Solicitor for immediate proceedings against you and the other parties concerned, *without further notice*, unless the amount advanced, with interest, as stated below, be paid within six days from this date.

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I am, &c.
(signed) *Alex. E. McIntosh*,
Solicitor of Public Works.

To Mr. Stephen Collins (Peter).

Similar application to each of the obligors.

COUNTY OF CLARE.				£.	s.	d.
No. 113.	Loan to Stephen Collins and others	-	Amount	12	-	-
	Interest from 21st June 1877, at $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.	-	-	-	5	8
			£.	12	5	8
Repaid	-	-	-	1	11	11
Amount to be now repaid	-	-	-	10	13	9

The Persons proceeded against (Loans 92, 108, 111, and 115) never replied in any way to the Solicitor's applications, and were only reached by the proceedings of the Sessional Crown Solicitor, Mr. Cullinan.

Mr. Cullinan reported on the result of his proceedings against these persons on the 7th June 1878, as follows:—

No. of Loan.	Names of Debtors.	Amount Directed to be Recovered.	Amount Received by the Sessional Crown Solicitor.	Observations.
92	Thomas Baright - Anthony McNamee - Anthony Dwyer -	£. s. d. 12 - -	£. s. d. 12 2 6	The sheriff levied 12 <i>l.</i> 2 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> from them, but subsequently a letter was received from Mr. McIntosh, dated 30th January 1878, directing 8 <i>l.</i> 16 <i>s.</i> 2 <i>d.</i> only to be levied.
108	Thomas Bonhill - Patrick Bonhill - Thomas Bonhill -	12 - -	- -	A decree for 8 <i>l.</i> 16 <i>s.</i> 2 <i>d.</i> was, as it appeared in evidence, the defendant applied a portion of the loan in paying a debt due to Mr. Roughan, the local agent of the Board, instead of applying the money in pursuance of the terms of his bond for providing fishing gear, &c. Mr. Cullinan contended the defendants should pay the entire amount of the loan. The appeal was tried before Mr. Justice Barry, who stated he would reserve the question for the consideration of the judges, but the Board afterwards announced they would be satisfied with a decree for the amount actually due.

No. of Lots.	Names of Defendants.	Amount Directed to be Recovered.	Amount Recovered by the Bundest Court Solutions.	OBSERVATIONS.
111	Michael Scanlon - John McMinhen - Lawrence Delahery - Patrick Delahery -	£. s. d. 10 - -	£. s. d. 10 - -	Decree delivered to sheriff for execution on 2nd December 1878; the sheriff paid Mr. Cullinan 10 l. 15 s. 6 d.
112	Stephen Collins - Thomas Collins - John Keane - Patrick Keane - Andrew Brady -	£. s. d. 12 - -	- - -	The process was issued on 20th December 1878 for 12 l., the full amount of the bond. Mr. McClinch, by his learned friend January 1879, directed the claim to be reduced to 9 l. 0 s. 7 d. I mentioned this to the defendants and to Mr. Roughan, the agent to the Fishery Board, and told them I would receive the reduced amount and costs, which they promised to pay. On the next day, when the case was called on, I applied to Mr. Roughan, who was then in court for payment. He stated that defendants had left town, and that he would not pay. Decree was consequently obtained for the full amount certified to be due.

Office of Public Works, Dublin, }
7 August 1879.

By Order,
J. Lathin, pro Secretary.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSIONERS
(IRELAND).

COPY of Correspondence between the Public
Works Commissioners as Agents and certain Persons
in regard to the subject of Legal
Proceedings instituted against Individuals in that
County, and Decrees alleged to be obtained against
them for larger Sums than were due by them at
that of Lots under the Irish Homesteads Loan
Fund.

(Entire of The O'Connell Motion.)

Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed,
15 August 1879.

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